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Applicant: **David M. PEPPER et al.**) Examiner: Rose Mary MILLER  
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For: "TIME-REVERSED PHOTOACOUSTIC Our Ref: B-4856 620360-6  
SYSTEM AND USES THEREOF") Date: March 1, 2006  
") Re: ***Final Office Action***  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on December 1, 2005, an initial response to which is due no later than **March 1, 2006**, Applicants submit this Amendment after Final Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.